

HER MISSION OF LOVE

The Noble Work Taken Up by a Beautiful Woman.

MAY KELLARD'S SELF-SACRIFICE

She Spends Her Time Among the Patients of the New York Hospital for Incurables, cheering Their Lone Hours.

Have you any idea what it means to be old forever? To be old and sick and crippled and friendless? To have nobody to come and see you? To wonder, if you have wit enough to wonder at all,



MISS MAY KELLARD.

whether the tea will be good tonight, or whether the doctor will remember your bad cough, or whether your neighbor will be waking you up during the night screaming for her child, that child which will never come to her again? All this and a thousand more sad things you see when you go to where the incurables are kept at the expense of the city of New York.

There are thousands of women in New York who spend enough money on soda water to give pleasure to one of these miserable watches. To these, half blind, half crazy, there seem to be very few who ever think of them. One of those thoughtful persons is a young girl, rich, pretty, and with everything about her in her own home that money can get. Yet twice every week she visits the hospital, taking with her a store of the little dainties that the old people like. Packages of tea with lumps of sugar packed in, fruit, jelly, buns, and, funny enough, a little candy, because there are some of the old women who say they like to have it.

Long before it is time for the boat plying between New York and the island on which the hospital is situated to arrive some of the old women and old men are eagerly watching for it, and have come way down the road that they may walk up to the hospital with their friend, calling on her head so many "God bless you!" that certainly the bread that she cast upon the waters must return to her. In goes among all the sick people, people who you know will never be well; just remember how long that word "never" is—means "until death comes."

They tell her their sorrows and their joys. One old lady is grieved to the heart because a member of some church association wouldn't give her a pearl because she didn't belong to the right church, and another begs her to tell her truthfully when her boy will come home—he went away such a long time ago, and when the news came that he had been drowned the poor mother's wits went from her and she believes he is still alive and is coming to her. Could you tell her that he wasn't? Certainly not. And so the good Samaritan pats the poor old woman on the shoulder, whispers some words of good cheer and gives her a package that has in it tea, sugar, buns and a great big pear so rosy on one side that the poor creature delightedly looks at it for an hour. Now, this girl who is working for God's own people belongs to God's own church.

You may be a Baptist, a Presbyterian, a Methodist, or whatever church you have chosen to serve God in, but no matter what your belief may be, May Kellard never asks one question except, "What can I do for you, my friend?" And then she not only hears and marks down in her little book what you want, but she is certain never to forget. Her promises are not written in sand, and even these poor semi-idots know it. After the feast is all over there comes another cheerful time. Something bright is read, and then the word goes around that "Miss Kellard is going to sing." There she stands with her hands folded, with no grand notes to accompany her except the ones sung by the angels in heaven, and she sings what they ask her.

Sometimes it's a hymn, sometimes it's a merry little song, sometimes it's a pathetic ballad, but always at the last it is one song. A poor cripple, all known out of shape, says something that nobody can make out except Miss Kellard and then sweet and clear the notes go out of "Home, Sweet Home." And I, who stand there looking and listening, wonder if those poor creatures will not soon be taken to that everlasting home where there is no suffering, and whether already there is not written in the great golden Book of Life the name of May Kellard, and opposite is grav'd, "As ye have done it unto the least of these ye have done it unto me."

ISABEL A. MALLON

Tell me more somewhere.
Kingley—Say, old man, I have a great scheme for getting ahead of my wife, and it may do you some good. I go to her dressmaker and tell her to charge twice as much as she ordinarily would. Then I stand for her the difference, and my wife don't dare buy half the gowns she otherwise would.

Bingo—Yes, I tried that plan.

Kingley—How did it work?

Bingo—The dressmaker is suing me for the full amount—*Clock Review*.

Miss Great Minutes.

She (after the ball)—has paper asked you about your income?

He—Yes.

She—And you told him that little fib about the large salary?

He—Yes.

She—I'm so glad.

He—Well, I'm sorry. He borrowed fifty dollars from me on the spot—*Smith, Gray & Co.'s Monthly*.

Posture Everywhere.

Everything is trimmed with feathers this year. ostrich feathers lead, but the less expensive goat feathers are rapidly getting down in price.

trimmings, edgings, bows and collars in every color, and combination of colors. They are not very extravagant considering their novelty. A long bow can be bought for \$1.50, and the pretty collars, with a ribbon at the throat, come as low as \$2.50. The ostrich bows cost from \$2.50 up, nothing could be more becoming than these beautiful, shiny things. They add to the comfort and grace of the elderly woman, while a pretty girl, with her soft cheeks half buried in their soft depths looks enough like an angel to deserve her own brooch, which is putting it as strongly as possible.

A Just Question.
"Chappy Van Deman gave me a piece of his mind today."
"When is his funeral?"—Truth.

Wanted.

The girl who'll rise at five o'clock. She and coffee then to six. Who good and wholesome bread can make. And also light and dairy cake.

The girl who'll wash a fellow's socks, and then button them from neck. One not afraid of brush and broom. And, if need be, who'll scrub the room.

Who minds teacups not at all.

And never will think of being late again. The girl who thinks we all sleep in. Will meet the friends with tender kiss.

—New Orleans Playhouse.

LOCAL FUR MARKET.
State of Prices Established by the City Dealers.

Local buyers have received quotations for fur from eastern shippers, and have established prices as follows:

Hare, large, \$3.80 and \$4; Beaver, per lb. (4 oz. and over), \$6.50; Fox, 3 oz., \$4.50; Deer, 3 oz., \$4; Lynx, 2 oz., \$8.50; Fisher, .50 and .75; Fox, red, .60 and die; Fox, gray, .60 and 40c; Fox, cross, .65 and die; Fox, white, \$2.25 and \$2; Marten, tail, .50 and die; Raccoon, .50 and die; Skunk, .50 and die; Skunk, narrow stripes, .50 and die; Skunk, broad stripes, .50 and die.

GRAND RAPIDS' MARKETS.

Prices to Farmers.

GRAIN—Wheat, Son, 40c; oats, 40c; rye, 40c; barley, \$1.10 cwt; corn, 40c; corn, 30c; buckwheat, 30c; beans, 40c; mutton, 45c; lamb, 65c; veal, 65c; eggs, 20c; potatoes, 20c; bu. beets, .25c; bu. onions, .25c; bu. beans, .25c; bu. carrots, .25c; bu. skunk, .25c; bu. deer, 25c; bu. moose, 25c; bu. bear, 25c; bu. squirrel, .25c; bu. skunk, .25c; bu. deer, 25c; bu. moose, 25c; bu. bear, 25c; bu. squirrel, .25c.

Fruit—Strawberries, .10 per lb.

Wool—Washed, .20c; unwashed, .16c; Wool and Tallow—Green, 40c; steers, over 200 lbs., .20c; calves, .16c; green, 40c; skin, .14c; cattle, .16c; tallow, .17c; apples, .12c; bacon, .14c; ham, .16c; bacon, .14c.

Pig—Pork steaks, .20c; bacon, .18c; ham, .25c; 10 lbs. bacon, .25c; pork, .15c; bacon, .18c; hams, .30c; mutton, .45c; lamb, .65c; veal, .65c; eggs, 20c; potatoes, 20c; bu. beets, .25c; bu. onions, .25c; bu. pork, .25c; bu. apples, .25c; bu. grapes, .25c; bu. pears, .25c; bu. peaches, .25c.

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